

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3954

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLO, MOPS, IS, LE  
SUBJ: ISRAELI PRISONER HELD BY PALESTINIANS

REF: STATE 167951

1. PER INSTRUCTION REFTEL, ON JULY 13 EMBOFF CALLED ON MICHEL CAGNEUX, CHIEF OF THE ICRC DELEGATION IN LEBANON. CAGNEUX SAID HE COULD NOT TELL US THE CONDITIONS THAT THE PALESTINIANS WERE DEMANDING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE ISRAELI PRISONER WITHOUT EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO FROM ICRC HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA.

2. CAGNEUX SAID THAT THE PALESTINIANS HOLDING THE ISRAELI HAD AGREED TO TREAT HIM AS A PRISONER OF WAR AND HAD AGREED THAT THE "THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION" APPLIED TO HIM. CAGNEUX SAID HE WAS ABLE TO VISIT THE PRISONER. CAGNEUX ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE ICRC WAS PLAYING THE ROLE OF "INTERMEDIARY" BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS IN THIS MATTER.

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3. COMMENT: OTHER SOURCES REPORT THE PRISONER IS BEING HELD BY THE PRO-SYRIAN POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE/GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP/GC).  
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